

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 880

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 880, as introduced, Gomez. Medi-Cal.

Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, to afford to qualifying individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid provisions.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 14000. (a) The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying
- 4 individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services,
- 5 including related social services ~~which~~ *that* are necessary for those
- 6 receiving health care under this chapter.
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1 **(b)** The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent
2 practicable, through the provisions of this chapter, for health care
3 for those aged and other persons, including family persons who
4 lack sufficient annual income to meet the costs of health care, and
5 whose other assets are so limited that their application toward the
6 costs of such care would jeopardize the person or family's future
7 minimum self-maintenance and security. It is intended that
8 whenever possible and feasible:

9 ~~(a)~~

10 **(1)** The means employed shall allow, to the extent practicable,
11 eligible persons to secure health care in the same manner employed
12 by the public generally, and without discrimination or segregation
13 based purely on their economic disability. The means employed
14 shall include an emphasis on efforts to arrange and encourage
15 access to health care through enrollment in organized, managed
16 care plans of the type available to the general public.

17 ~~(b)~~

18 **(2)** The benefits available under this chapter shall not duplicate
19 those provided under other federal or state laws or under other
20 contractual or legal entitlements of the person or persons receiving
21 them.

22 ~~(c)~~

23 **(3)** In the administration of this chapter and in establishing the
24 means to be used to provide access to health care to persons eligible
25 under this chapter, the department shall emphasize and take
26 advantage of both the efficient organization and ready accessibility
27 and availability of health care facilities and resources through
28 enrollment in managed health care plans and new and innovative
29 fee-for-service managed health care plan approaches to the delivery
30 of health care services.